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Book Notices.

Epistles of James and Jude.

The General Epistles of St. James and St. Jude. [The Expositor's Bible.]
By the Rev. Alfred Plummer, M. A., D. D. New York: A. C. Armstrong
and Son. Pp. 476. Price \$1.50.

The volume of the "Expositor's Bible" on the Pastoral Epistles written by Dr. Plummer has already been noticed in the *STUDENT*. This volume is equal if not superior to it. Much attention is paid to questions which are suggested by the Scripture material or directly related to it. The exposition is made on the basis of the Greek text and here some exception may be taken to the writer's good judgment in introducing so much of purely linguistic discussion in what purports to be a piece of popular exposition. Of the character of the scholarship there can be no question. Some new interpretations are given. Both sides of disputed points are quite fully given. The ordinary and accepted views of the authenticity and canonicity of the Epistles are maintained. James is the real "brother of the Lord," Jude is his brother. The date of the Epistle of James is not definitely decided though the author is a good deal inclined to the earliest date, A. D., 45-49. He favors the dependance of St. Peter on James, though his verdict on the whole discussion is "not proven." A very liberal spirit characterizes all his material. He denies verbal inspiration, thinks that there is little doubt that the apostles expected the immediate Second Coming of Christ, holds that Jude probably believed that his illustrations from the Apocryphal books were matters of fact, while, in reality, they could not have been. "We have no right to prejudge the question of fitness, and say that inspiration would certainly preserve its instruments from wittingly or unwittingly making use of a fictitious Apocalypse." The spirit of the book is reverent and uplifting. The narrowness of view concerning the institutions of the church, its ritual and officers, which marred the former exposition of Dr. Plummer in this series, does not have any opportunity to appear here. This book is among the three or four best volumes of the "Expositor's Bible," worthy to stand with Dods' "First Corinthians," Smith's "Isaiah," Maclaren's "Colossians." It has a good index and table of contents.

A Life of Christ.

A Life of Jesus the Christ. By Henry Ward Beecher. Completed Edition.
New York: Bromfield and Co. 2 vols. Pp. XII., 448; X., 370.

A peculiar interest attaches to this book, inasmuch as it was perhaps the last thing that engaged Mr. Beecher's activities before his death. A first volume, it will be remembered, appeared about twenty years ago, while the author was in the prime of life, and occupied with most exacting duties. It was the pressure of these duties that caused Mr. Beecher to put off again and again the completion of the second volume, until it was too late. Fortunately,

however, more than half of the manuscript for that volume had been prepared, and it is this that now appears. The rest of the work has been filled out from sermons of Mr. Beecher, published and unpublished, with such slight changes as the compilers felt obliged to make; and the publishers now offer both volumes, the old and the new, to the public. The book is thus practically a unit, and while it lacks absolute completeness, probably presents to us very much what the author would himself have said, had he lived to finish it. The style is delightful; one can not read many lines before realizing that the writer is a master of strong and graceful English. The work is not at all controversial. Apologetics and criticism are rigidly excluded from its pages, for such phases of Gospel study it is the author's avowed intention to avoid. The narrative is simply traced and commented upon, in a most interesting and instructive way. Few traces of Mr. Beecher's peculiar theological views are discoverable in the book, as the larger part of it dates from twenty years back. To the general reader, not in search of a book for study but rather of one in which Christ's spirit and work may be enjoyed and thought upon, it would be difficult to suggest anything more spiritually helpful.

The volumes are well illustrated, the frontispieces being reproduction of famous paintings in which the Christ figures. An appendix at the end of volume second fully explains these pictures. Carefully prepared maps are added. Each volume contains an analytical index which makes reference to particular points easy and rapid. An outline by chapters of Bagster's "Gospel History Consolidated" appears in the book, and upon this the chronology is based. The typographical work leaves little to be desired, paper and type combining to make the pages attractive.

The Passion Story.

The Passion Story, being a connected narrative of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, as recorded by the four Evangelists. By Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, A. M. Philadelphia: G. W. Frederick. Pp. 114.

In the author's own words, this book is "an attempt to give a chronological account of the memorable and momentous events of Passion week, as they have been so graphically recorded by the four Evangelists." It is a simple arrangement of the material furnished by the Gospels as to the last week of Christ's life. The chapter divisions are based upon the days of the week, and much clearness in outline is thus secured. A careful study of various harmonies has been made, in order to make the arrangement as correct as possible, and the result is embodied in a neat little volume. This exceedingly interesting period in Christ's earthly career is thus brought vividly before the reader in the compass of a few pages.

Messianic Prophecy.

Prophecy and History in relation to the Messiah. The Warburton Lectures for 1880-1884. By Alfred Edersheim, M. A., D. D. Ph. D. New York: Anson D. F. Randolph and Co. Pp. xxi., 391. Price \$1.75.

The first edition of this valuable work made its appearance five years ago, and was noticed at length in a former volume of the STUDENT. That a second edition is now forthcoming, of itself indicates the regard in which the late Prof. Edersheim's work is held. A conservative position is maintained in the book; the writer does not fall in with the higher critics of the English school,